

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1           1. A method of facilitating access to documents, comprising:  
2           receiving information from a content reader;  
3           establishing a set of content selection tags based on the received information, each  
4           content selection tag in the set being associated with a hierarchical tag domain; and  
5           arranging for the content reader to receive an indication of a document in  
6           accordance with the set of content selection tags.

1           2. The method of claim 1, wherein at least one tag domain comprises a multi-  
2           level domain, and at least one domain level is associated with a plurality of content  
3           selection tags.

1           3. The method of claim 1, wherein at least one content selection tag is associated  
2           with at least one of: (i) a content author, (ii) a content date, and (iii) a content type.

1           4. The method of claim 1, wherein at least one content selection tag is associated  
2           with at least one of: (i) a sector, (ii) an industry, (iii) a research type, (iv) a company, (v)  
3           an issuer, (vi) a region, (vii) a country, (viii) an investment product, (ix) security, (x) a  
4           third-party rating, (xi) a research analyst, (xii) a strategist, (xiii) an event type, (xiv) a  
5           subject, (xv) an investment style, (xvi) a market cap, (xvii) a document type, (xviii) an  
6           information value, and (xix) a currency.

1           5. The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving comprises:  
2           receiving a plurality of selection tags via a graphical user interface.

1           6. The method of claim 1, wherein content selection tags are further associated  
2 with Boolean operations in accordance with the information received from the content  
3 reader.

1           7. The method of claim 1, wherein the set of content selection tags is adapted to  
2 facilitate selection of the document in accordance with a set of document tags.

1           8. The method of claim 7, wherein the set of documents tags are established in  
2 accordance with information received from a content publisher via a graphical user  
3 interface.

1           9. The method of claim 7, wherein document tags are associated with hierarchical  
2 tag domains substantially similar to the tag domains associated with the set of content  
3 selection tags.

1           10. The method of claim 7, wherein at least one document tag comprises at least  
2 one of: (i) a primary tag, and (ii) a secondary tag.

1           11. The method of claim 7, wherein the document comprises content to be  
2 provided to a user via a communication network.

1           12. The method of claim 11, wherein the communication network comprises at  
2 least one of: (i) the Internet, (ii) an intranet, (iii) a public network, (iv) a public switched  
3 telephone network, (v) a proprietary network, (vi) a wireless network, and (vii) a local  
4 area network.

1           13. The method of claim 11, wherein the document comprises at least one of: (i)  
2   text content, (ii) image content, (iii) audio content, and (iv) executable content.

1           14. The method of claim 11, wherein the content comprises at least one of: (i)  
2   financial information, (ii) financial news, (iii) information about financial events, (iv)  
3   investment information, and (v) market information.

1           15. The method of claim 7, further comprising:  
2   transmitting the document to the content reader.

1           16. The method of claim 15, wherein said transmitting is performed via at least  
2   one of: (i) a content controller, (ii) a content publisher, (iii) a content reader, (iv) a  
3   personal computer, (v) a server, (vi) a portable computing device, (vii) a wireless  
4   telephone, (viii) a Web site, and (ix) an electronic mail message.

1           17. The method of claim 7, wherein the set of content selection tags is associated  
2   with at least one of: (i) a content reader request, and (ii) an entitlement tag.

1           18. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2   storing the set of content selection tags in association with the content reader.

1           19. The method of claim 18, wherein the set of content selection tags comprises a  
2   first set of content selection tags and further comprising:  
3   receiving additional information from the content reader;  
4   establishing a second set of content selection tags based on the additional  
5   information; and

6 storing the second set of content selection tags in association with the content  
7 reader.

1 20. The method of claim 20, wherein the first set of content selection tags is  
2 associated with a first portion of a reader display and the second set of content selection  
3 tags is associated with a second portion of the reader display.

1 21. The method of claim 20, further comprising:  
2 receiving from the content reader a selection of one at least of the first and second  
3 sets of content selection tags; and  
4 transmitting to the content reader an indication of a document in accordance with  
5 the selected set of content selection tags.

1 22. The method of claim 18, further comprising:  
2 receiving additional information from the content reader; and  
3 storing a modified set of content selection tags in association with the content  
4 reader based on the additional information.

1 23. A computer-implemented method of facilitating access to investment  
2 research documents, comprising:  
3 receiving from a content reader an indication of a first content selection tag set via  
4 a graphical user interface, the first content selection tag set being adapted to facilitate  
5 identification of a first investment research document in accordance with a first document  
6 tag set;

7 receiving from the content reader an indication of a second content selection tag  
8 set, the second content selection tag set being adapted to facilitate identification of a  
9 second investment research document in accordance with a second document tag set;  
10 arranging for an indication of the first investment research document to be  
11 displayed via a first portion of a content reader display; and  
12 arranging for an indication of the second investment research document to be  
13 displayed via a second portion of the content reader display.

1 24. An apparatus, comprising:  
2 a processor; and  
3 a storage device in communication with said processor and storing instructions  
4 adapted to be executed by said processor to:  
5 receive information from a content reader,  
6 establish a set of content selection tags based on the received information,  
7 each content selection tag in the set being associated with a hierarchical tag  
8 domain, and  
9 arrange for the content reader to receive an indication of a document in  
10 accordance with the set of content selection tags.

1 25. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein said storage device further stores at least  
2 one of: (i) a tag database, (ii) a document database, and (iii) a content reader database.

1 26. The apparatus of claim 24, further comprising:  
2 a communication device coupled to said processor and adapted to communicate  
3 with at least one of: (i) a content publishing device, (ii) a document storage device, (iii) a  
4 content controller, (iv) a content reader device, and (v) a payment device.

1           27. A medium storing instructions adapted to be executed by a processor to  
2 perform a method of facilitating access to documents, said method comprising:  
3           receiving information from a content reader;  
4           establishing a set of content selection tags based on the received information, each  
5 content selection tag in the set being associated with a hierarchical tag domain; and  
6           arranging for the content reader to receive an indication of a document in  
7 accordance with the set of content selection tags.

1           28. A method of accessing documents, comprising:  
2           transmitting information to a content controller via a graphical user interface; and  
3           receiving an indication of a document in accordance with a set of content  
4 selection tags established based on the transmitted information, each content selection tag  
5 in the set being associated with a hierarchical tag domain.